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Ward 6 - Newsletter

Tucson First

December 9, 2013

Budget

Last budget cycle we were told that the bond rating agencies had concerns about a few specific areas of our budget. They were chronically low reserves, our structurally unbalanced budget, and pensions.

Last week we moved ahead with increasing worker wages. In doing that we added an \$11M obligation to the expense side of our budget. The wages are all pensionable. Recall also that I shared a chart produced by our finance people that shows our unassigned reserve fund plummeting to over \$200M in the negative over the next 5 years. That assumes business as usual.

Ahead of the vote on pay, I requested a list of the City's unmet capital needs. Of course any such list is subject to changes over time, and yet as a picture of what our general level of needs is, the list provided to me by our finance people served the purpose. It shows \$1.2B in needs. That is far out of our reach when it comes to funding through regular revenues. That means bonding.

		Standard	
	Moody's	Poor's	_
Highest Quality	Aaa	AAA	– Investment Grade
High Quality	Aa	AA	
Upper Medium	A-1, A	Α	
Medium	Baa-1, Baa	BBB	
Speculative	Ba	BB	Not Investment Grade
Highly Speculative	B, Caa	B, CCC, CC	
Default	Ca, C	D	

^{*} Image obtained from fidelity.com

The cost to us for borrowing money is a function of our bond rating. Check those three troublesome areas again:

Chronically low reserves – (the chart showing \$230M negative reserves)

Structurally unbalanced budget – (adding \$11M in costs to a budget that we've been using one-time fixes to balance.)



Important Phone Numbers

Tucson Police Department

911 or 791-4444 nonemergency

Mayor & Council Comment Line

791-4700

Neighborhood Resources

791-4605

Park Wise

791-5071

Water Issues

791-3242

Pima County Animal Control

243-5900

Street Maintenance 791-3154

Planning and Development Services 791-5550

Southwest Gas

889-1888

Gas Emergency/ Gas Leaks

889-1888

West Nile Virus

Hotline

243-7999

Environment

Service

791-3171

Graffiti Removal

792-2489

AZ Game & Fish

628-5376

Continued: A Message From Steve

Pensions – (both public safety and non-public safety pensions are carrying underfunded liabilities, and our ability to address them is limited by law.)

I hear disagreement within City Hall about whether or not we can achieve a structurally balanced budget. Actually, we can if we're smart about how we spend, and if we continue to attract new revenues through private development and annexation.

We can argue about the small change, or be fiscally prudent and focus on the large bills. When absorbing the numbers we're being fed by our finance people on the budget it's key to recognize that they reflect orders of magnitude that paint the general picture of the fiscal challenges that lay ahead of us. They'll be fine tuned in the months to come. It is understanding the significant big picture that was key to why I voted for fiscal caution. Our fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers relates directly as a function of our tight budgetary condition. As Charles Chieppo wrote in the finance section of Governing the States and Localities – our margin for error is smaller when budgets are tight.

That focus is the reason I opposed the pay increases. You'll be hearing more on this well in advance of the budget discussions that will resume early next year.

Mexico Commerce

Also last week I shared some important news about the infrastructure upgrades being made in the Port of Guaymas. This week I'm happy to announce that earlier today (Monday, December 9th) a public hearing of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Foreign Affairs, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, was held in M&C Chambers. The subject of the meeting was a field hearing on "Promoting Best Practices in U.S.-Mexico Trade. The chair of that subcommittee is Arizona Representative Matt Salmon.

There were two panels presenting to the subcommittee. On the first was the Assistant Secretary / Office of International Affairs and Chief Diplomatic Officer for Homeland Security, (these guys need longer titles) Mr. Alan Bersin. The second panel was composed of five speakers:

Eric Farnsworth (V.P. – Council of the Americas and Americas Society,)
Glenn Hamer (President of the Arizona Chamber of Commerce,)
Lea Marquez Peterson (President of the Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce,)
Timothy Hutchens (VP and head of the Federal Lessor Advisory Group – CBRE,) and
Chris Wilson (Mexico Institute / Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars.)

Hosting this DHS subcommittee hearing was a coup for our region. The Federal folks heard loudly and clearly that we need infrastructure investment along the I-19 corridor. That's the game changer about which I've shared at multiple neighborhood meetings and at other speaking engagements as well. I know our Mayor has this issue on his radar screen. With the spotlight from these Federal workers we should be able to capitalize and make progress.

Living for 32 Forum



As a part of the week long remembrances of the January 8th shootings, I've again asked The Loft Cinema to host an event – this time, to be a presenting sponsor of a screening of *Living for 32*. Join us at 6:30pm on January 7th for the screening and a panel discussion to follow.

The guy in the picture is Colin

Goddard. He was a survivor – shot multiple times – of the Virginia Tech massacre of 32 of his classmates. He'll join a panel made up of the following folks:

Jim Nintzel, Master of Ceremonies
Colin Goddard
Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
Steve Kozachik, Councilman, Ward 6
Clarke Romans, NAMI
Jeannette Mare, MH First Aid Training
Roberto Villasenor, Chief of Tucson Police Department
Clarence Dupnik, Pima County Sheriff
Lisa Kiser, RN

The documentary gives focus to the importance of mental health assessments and also to background check legislation. We'll talk about both. As a special addition to the evening **Stephen Brigham, UAHN & One-Eight Memorial Foundation Board Member** will give an update on where that committee is with respect to location and 'look' of the community memorial.

I'm proud to have as co-workers in pulling this event together Tucson Community
Against Gun Violence (TCAGV,) Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America AZ Chapter, Organizing for Action-So. AZ (OFA,) Tucson Survivors and Mayors
Against Illegal Guns.

Doors will open at 6pm and we'll begin the show at 6:30. Our thanks go out to Peg Johnson and The Loft staff for hosting this important community event.

Golf

The issue of our contracting with a private management firm to run our golf courses has created quite a stir among Tucson City Golf, and some members of the golfing community. I know some of that is due to a well earned sense of pride felt by our workers and those from the community who support the enterprise and a reluctance to see us go in a different direction. And yet, as I've said to several of those who want it maintained in-house, this is a business decision and we have to do what's in the best interest of the taxpaying public. With that said, let me share some of the features of the proposal made by OB Sports. To be abso-



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R) 520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R) 520-575-8633

Congressman
Ron Barber (D)
(2nd District)
520-881-3588

Congressman
Raul Grijalva (D)
(3th District)
520-622-6788

Governor Janice Brewer (R) Governor of Arizona 602-542-4331

Toll free: 1-800-253-0883

State Legislators

Toll Free Telephone: 1-800-352-8404 Internet: www.azleg.gov

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild 791-4201

City Infoguide

http://
cms3.tucsonaz.gov/
infoguide

lutely clear though, these are points made in their proposal. Some of the specifics may be slightly altered when negotiations of the final deal are finished / assuming a contract can be arrived at.

To that point – this transaction is being handled by our procurement and legal people. It's not a M&C decision. We gave broad direction to our team to pursue a deal that included several general themes. From the proposal I've seen from OBS, it appears those themes are in play.

OB Sports has been in the golf management business since 1972. If you go to their website you'll see that they manage courses in 14 States, including Arizona. Their company is involved with on site management, development, landscaping, marketing and running Golf academies. They're a major player in the marketplace.



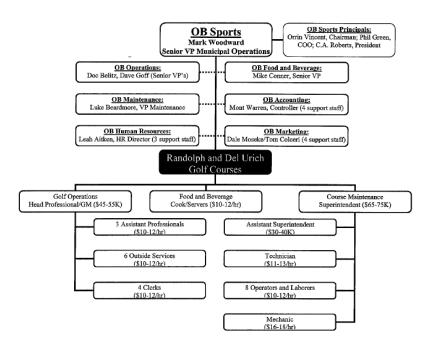
The deal being negotiated is a management agreement. Under such an agreement the City maintains ownership of all assets gets all revenues and is still responsible for all costs. What we do is pay a management fee to OBS and rely on their expertise to turn the program around. But when we compare results to what OBS' efforts yield to how we're doing now with it in-house, the comparisons will be apples to apples; that is, they'll be net to net so if a particular deal point is more financially favorable to say OBS, that delta will be accounted for in any comparison. One example is the amount of water credits being given to OBS. They get a larger credit than TCG does, so that will have to be adjusted for when running side by side numbers.

Tucson Golf reduced their debt by about \$200,000 last year. That's good, but one of the significant factors in how they got to that number was to cut back on needed improvements to the courses. In addition the improvement in cash was primarily because the General Fund paid their COPs debt service payment and they held vacancies to save salary. That same challenge lies ahead for OBS and we'll keep an eye on how the projections that appear in their proposal actually play out. Those projections are for Net Operating Income to hit \$102K in '14, \$253K in '15, and ramp up from there to \$713K in '18. It's a five year deal.

In fairness, City Golf Admin put together a proposal for how they saw the numbers going over the next five years. Their's projected revenues of about \$80K annually. I have requested a copy of that report, but when presented with those two projections, it's tough to argue for not going with the more aggressive of the two.

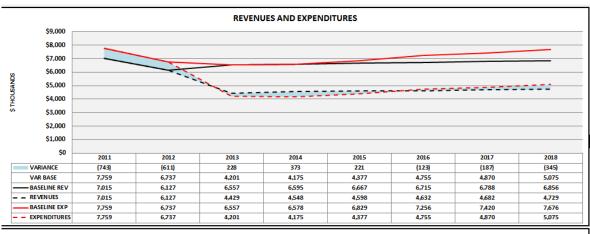
OBS will receive \$240K per year to manage all five courses. They'll receive an incentive payment that'll be triggered when they reach some level of revenues – I don't have that number. They hire and manage the workers. The org. chart on the top of the next page is what they profor the Randolph courses that was included in the proposal:

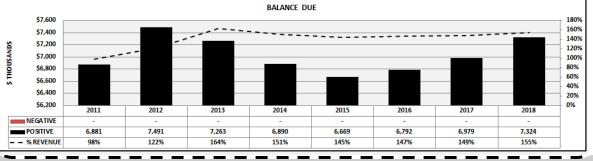
They will run Food and Beverage and the Pro Shop. They project significantly increased revenues from both of those operations. I'm a little skeptical as to whether or not they'll be able to hit their targets.



The City and public do not lose their voices in this. Green Fees and capital improvements will still be discussed in the Greens Committee which is made up of citizen's who are invested in muni golf.

This chart shows the City's projection as to where Golf would be if we kept it in-house, based on assumptions for things like pensions, medical, etc.





The bottom part of the chart is the amount of money the Golf Fund owes the General Fund
- the negative cash. We hope to chip away at that with new revenues from OBS.

There were also concerns that the selection committee was made up of people who aren't familiar with golf operations. The committee included a Director of Consulting at the National Golf Foundation, a member of the PGA headquarters in Phoenix, a managing director of an Investment Banking Firm who works in Public Finance, a member of the City's Internal Audit Commission, one of our finance/budget people, and a non-golfer who is also a City staffer. I think that's a pretty well rounded set of opinions.

This is a big change for lots of our workers, and for the community in general. We're relying on a very impressive resume that OBS brings to the table, a solid marketing and promotions arm that exists with them, a National reach that'll be used to help market our courses, and of course the expertise their staff brings to the table in operations and maintenance. They will give consideration to all of our existing workers when staffing up. I've seen their benefits package, and it's impressive.

We're all hopeful that this change will yield positive financial and community results. No-body has that perfect crystal ball though, so our current oversight groups will continue to watch and provide their input as we move ahead into this new chapter of how we run that enterprise fund. We've gotta get real time information so we can react. There are concerns over our inability to easily take this function back into the City. We'll be watching the data and if it becomes clear that the deal isn't working, we'll have the ability to terminate the agreement and bring it back in-house. I'd prefer to see some stop-loss provisions in the final deal to protect us from the bottom falling out financially. I doubt that'll be a part of the final package though, so this will be a relationship we'll need to give very close attention to so we don't end up at the end of a given fiscal year in a bigger hole than we are presently.

Sex Trafficking Forum

We've conducted two Project RAISE events (diversion for prostitutes) and a forum last spring related to sex trafficking and the vulnerability our kids live under, largely due to the internet. On the heels of those efforts, several service providers wanted to conduct yet another forum on the topic, but this time aim it towards themselves; that is, get service providers into the same room, hear from victims, survivors and academics, all with the goal of identifying where gaps and/or duplication might exist in how we're addressing this critical issue.

The program is going to be held on January 23rd, from 8am until 11am over at Pima College downtown campus (1255 N. Stone) in the Amethyst Room. If you came to our first event, it's in that same room. If you came to our first event you'll also recognize Heather Rowe from KOLD, Channel 13 as the emcee/facilitator. We're honored to have her take the reins of this panel.

The title of the forum is **Steps to Address Sex Trafficking**: *Trauma & Addiction*, A Community Action Forum for Health and Human Service Providers, Law Enforcement and Educators

The sponsoring groups include









For more event details and to RSVP, contact (520) 202-1748 or go to http:// www.stepsforum.eventbrite.com

I'll be sharing more as we get closer, but it's not too early to mark your calendar. This is important stuff.

On April 8 of this year, Governor Brewer issued Executive Order 2013 – 04. It established the Task Force on Human Trafficking. There's a formal definition to that term (Defined by the U.S. Department of State:)

The act of recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing or obtaining a person for labor, services, or commercial sex acts by means of force, fraud or coercion for the purpose of exploitation, involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery, or any commercial sex act involving a minor.

Trafficking is modern-day slavery. It victimizes vulnerable populations, primarily women, children and impoverished individuals. The exploitation of these populations for enslaved labor or commercial sex is a multi-national, multi-billion dollar industry. Good research estimates it to be the second most lucrative criminal enterprise, next to international drug smuggling.

In 2012, 40,000 victims were identified worldwide. Expert research indicates there may be as many as 27 million, primarily women and children, victims of human trafficking at any given time.

Due to the nature of the issue and the difficulty in victim identification, the State has very little data on the number of women and children victimized by human trafficking in Arizona. Thus, the need for the task force, and the value in the January 23rd forum.

Lightning

Break in the action for a lighter topic that I just found interesting. It's a Ward 6 issue because lightning happens in Ward 6.

There's a common idea that if you're five miles from a lightning strike, you're safe. A study being done at the UA is contradicting that notion. About one-half



the time, an individual lightning flash strikes the ground in several locations, some more than five miles apart.

The strike's location depends on the local terrain's shape and slope plus characteristics of objects on the ground, particularly their height. Electrical transmission line towers are attractive targets largely because they're often near to or on hilltops. Tall cell towers, especially when mounted on buildings can also attract strikes – height related. When we were building the new video board at the stadium, we had to take into consideration its vulnerability to a strike – again, height, it's metal, and contains electrical components. The UA research shows that even slight variations in terrain – as small as 50 feet in height over distances of less than a mile – affect the frequency of multiple ground contact flashes. As the electrical discharge moves from the cloud towards the ground, it comes in a step-like manner, and the branches attach to several locations.

Lightning is not just a safety issue. Cloud-to-ground lightning is a major cause of electric power interruptions, fires, damaged equipment and delays at airports. Think of our last monsoon and you can probably remember examples of some or all of those.

Ok – next monsoon keep in mind that the old 5 second rule between thunder and the flash isn't necessarily one that should make you feel totally safe.

This work is being conducted at the UA atmospheric sciences center by Dr. Philip Krider and his associates. Interesting stuff.

Lugo Charities

Quick note for your holiday considerations – for the 5th year in a row, Lugo Charities is teaming up with John C. Scott and collecting donations for the purchase of bicycles for needy Tucson youth. The bikes will remain in the box so parents and guardians can take part with the kids and assemble them on Christmas morning. There's also a bike safety helmet provided by TMC and the Children's Miracle Network.

This charity event will take place in person at 11am on Saturday, December 21st at the Elks Lodge (1800 N. Oracle.) But if you want to be a part of it, you'll need to send in the money ahead of time so the bikes can be ordered and paid for.

A single bike costs \$45.

The gift levels go up in \$45 increments from there - \$225 buys 5, \$450 buys 10, and so on. If you'd like to make a donation, please make the check out to Bike in a Box and send it to PO Box 26363, Tucson, 85726. But do it this week so they can get the bikes on order according to the amount of donations they receive.

When considering the donation, please don't hold it against John C. Scott that he's a rabid Kansas basketball fan. His team is falling like a rock from the rankings, so that's one place you can give him some grace and just support the kids.

I MPA Common Ground Awards

Last Friday evening my bride and I were honored to take part in this years Metropolitan Pima Alliance Common Ground Award ceremony over at the Jewish Community Center. The purpose of the awards is for the MPA to recognize projects that have been completed in our region that are particularly impressive examples of collaboration between a variety

of community partners. There were several Ward 6 projects that made the final cut to finalists. Here are the categories, with the winners in **bold**.

First was the <u>Award of Distinction</u> – given to **FC Tucson** for hanging in there over the past 3+ years in establishing our home team soccer club. Recently they cut the ribbon on a new grandstand out at the Kino Sports Park and topped off the celebration that night with a 1-0 victory in the inaugural home match in the new stadium. There were plenty of people who helped Greg Foster and his group keep this idea moving along, but two who need to be particularly recognized are my colleague Paul Cunningham, and County Supervisor Richard Elias. Without those two prodding the idea through all the hoops it needed to go through, we might have lost the deal. Thanks to Greg, Phil Swaim and his constant encouragement, as well as Paul and Richard for getting this done.

Another solo honoree is the <u>Community Engagement Award</u>, given to the **Pima County Metal Watch** – and this one is properly given to **Amber Smith and the MPA** for their dogged work in bringing the State Legislature to the table and adopting more strict laws related to metal theft. I've written in these newsletters several times about this problem. Without Amber and the task force keeping the item in play, the new statutes wouldn't be where they are today.

The rest of the awards had three finalists.

Planning, Design and Construction

All three of these projects are in Ward 6. It's where we've seen the significant growth and development over the past 4 years, and so seeing these finalists is a source of particular pride for me and my staff. We've worked on each of them.

The Hub, Core Campus

Junction at Ironhorse

Plaza Centro and The Cadence.

Educational Investment

San Miguel High School

Live the Solution

Arizona Financial Face-Off

(this one was a tie – both of these programs are very deserving of the recognition.)

Community Building

Sporting Chance (my friend Dave Sitton was instrumental in bringing this center to fruition. We wish he was here to join in celebrating the recognition.)

YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program

Mulcahy YMCA at Kino Community Center

Public Works

Pima County Solid Waste Privatization

Canoa Preserve Park

Regional Wastewater System Optimization Master Plan

Revitalization

Trinity Place Townhomes (Our colleague Richard Fimbres was a key player in getting this project completed)

Herbert Residential (Another Ward 6 project)

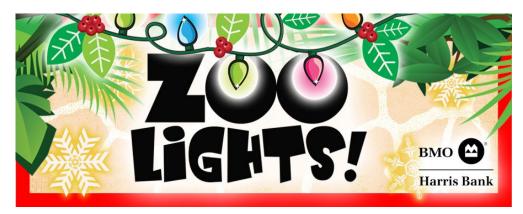
The First Impressions (Special credit to Richard Underwood of AAA Landscaping for getting this project off the ground.)

Public Policy

Main Gate Overlay (Ward 6 project)

Pima County Community Wildfire Protection Plan 2012 Standards for Public Sanitary Sewers in Pima County

When we work together, great things happen. These projects are examples. Thanks to Am-



ber and the MPA for bringing us this event each year.

Reid Park Zoo is starting up their annual Zoo Lights holiday festival again. It'll run from December 6th through December 23rd from 6pm until 8pm nightly.



This is a totally family friendly event in which they have light displays, animal themed light sculptures and tens of thousands of lights all over the park. You can pre-register through this link - REGISTER NOW

Zoo Lights presented this year by **BMO Harris Bank.** You all know what tough fiscal times these are, so anytime we have a corporate group willing to be a community partner for events such as this, we're grateful.

Tickets

\$6 for Adults \$4 for Children

Children under 2 are free

There will be FREE cookies and \$1 Hot Cocoa

Pima Animal Care Center and the Holidays

Another holiday related item is an offer coming from PACC. Starting now and running through the end of the year they're waiving the adoption fee (usually \$60) for all dogs and cats. You'll still pay the \$15 license fee, but in an effort to find great homes for the 166 dogs and 38 cats they've got, the rest of the fees aren't being charged. Each new family member will come with vaccinations, and will have been spayed/neutered and microchipped. If you're thinking about adoption, checking out the overstuffed kennels out at PACC is certainly an option for you to consider.



They're open from noon until 7pm on weekdays, and from 10am until 5pm on weekends. PACC is located at 4000 N. Silverbell Rd.

Ka'Deem Carey



Ka'Deem Carey (Photo courtesy of Arizona Athletics)

Good news from the football front, UA junior running back Ka'Deem Carey has been named the 2013 Pac-12 Conference Offensive Player of the Year. We've had 7 winners of the Pac-12 Defensive Player of the Year Award, but Ka'Deem's the first from the Offensive side of the ball.

This might not be his only award this year. He's also a nominee for the Doak Walker Award, and there's an outside shot at the Heisman Trophy. He'd better get All-American status or there's something wrong in Denmark.

Carey is the UA's all-time career rushing leader with 4,070 yards (more to come in our bowl game) and is currently the nation's #2 rusher @ 156 y/p/gm. He owns or shares 21 single-game, season and career school records and leads all NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision players with 15 straight 100-yard rushing games and 50 career touchdowns, also a UA school record.

He'll build on that impressive resume in the final game of the year –

Call 621.CATS for ticket and travel information.



Energy Efficiency and the Economy

Tonight (December 9th) from 6pm until 8pm, Sustainable Tucson will host a discussion entitled "The Economic Imperative of Energy Efficiency: Leading Tucson to More Jobs and a Robust Economy While Mitigating Climate Change" The discussion will take place in the lower level meeting room at the Main Library (101 N. Stone.)

The presenters are a resource economist (John Laitner) who leads a team of consultants here in Tucson and has a background working as a senior economist for technology policy at the U.S. EPA, and a regulatory and policy analyst (Matthew McDonnell) who has worked in the field of renewable energy finance and utility regulation through the Arizona Corporation Commission. Both bring impressive resumes to the conversation centered on the process and economics surrounding transitioning from a carbon intensive economy to one that is anchored by energy efficient renewable sources.

Doors open at 5:30 pm. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. I've been to their events before and they're good at watching the clock and holding to the schedule – so don't be late if you're going.

Tucson Convention Center Upgrades

Finally, I wanted to share a summary of the work the City has put into upgrading the TCC. I've written several updates on the good work we're doing with Rio Nuevo now related to the TCC (about \$7.8M in TIF dollars going into fan amenities,) but I don't want to lose track of the fact that the City has also been a player in paying for upgrades. In fact, according to the terms of our lease, maintenance is our responsibility. Here's the list covering work done in the last couple of years under the management of our General Services Department:

- 1. Arena Lower Seating/Risers \$1,054,097 Completed 5/2013
- 2. 2013 Gem Show Preparation
 - Paint south fire lane outer x-hall doors, parking lot booths and signs -\$6,754 Completed 3/2013
 - Repair carpet and doors \$7,040 Completed 7/2013
 - West entrance pavers/concrete \$106,622 Completed 4/2013
- 3. Low-Flow Toilet Retrofits (21 only) \$16,154 Completed 4/2013
- 4. TCC South Ex. Hall Roof Replacement \$576,699 Completed 5/2012
- 5. Install Solar on South Ex. Hall Roof \$2,614,760 Completed 6/2013
- 6. Central Energy Plant Equipment Replacement \$8,878,688 Completed 6/2013
- 7. Energy Control and Fire Alarm Systems Replacement \$1,390,455 Completed 6/2013
- 8. Main Fire Service Repair \$46,109 Completed 6/2013
- 9. Elevator & Escalator Repair/Replacement Phase I \$1,332,784 Projected completion 12/2013
- 10. Elevator & Escalator Repair/Replacement Phase II \$1,626,177 Projected completion 12/2013
- 11. Parking Lot C, Rewired Light Poles \$26,235 Completed 6/2012
 - 12. Incandescent Lights (various) Changed to LEDs \$22,145 Completed 6/2013

Total - \$17,704,719

Thanks to Ron Lewis and his staff for managing these projects.

Sincerely,

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Events Calendar

What's happening this week in the Downtown, 4th Avenue, and Main Gate areas . . .

4th Avenue Winter Street Fair

December 13, 14, 15 Open Daily 10am to 6pm

http://www.fourthavenue.org/

Rialto Theatre, 318 E. Congress St.

Saturday December 14th 2:30 PM **Tucson Girls Chorus – Sounds of Winter**

http://www.rialtotheatre.com/

Fox Theatre, 17 W. Congress St.

Tuesday December 10th 7:30 PM Merle Haggard

www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Leo Rich Theater 260 S. Church Ave

December 11th 7:30 pm Arizona Friends of Chamber Music: Fry Street Quartet

www.ArizonaChamberMusic.org

30th Annual CPLC Para Los Niños Christmas Party

Saturday, December 14th 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Kino Sports Complex 2500 East Ajo Way

Free To The Community!

- -Community Service Information
- -Free Toys
- -Candy-Filled Stockings
- -A Visit From Santa Claus

(Bring your camera to take your picture with Santa Claus)

Ongoing

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N. Main Ave.

www.TucsonMuseumofArt.org

Loft Cinema 3233 E. Speedway

www.loftcinema.com/

Jewish History Museum. 564 S. Stone Ave.

The Jewish History Museum presents "Cowboys, Merchants, Miners, & Booze," an exhibit that celebrates the lives of Tucson's Jewish pioneers.

www.jewishhistorymuseum.org

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S. 6th Ave.

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00am - 5:00pm; Saturdays & Sundays: 10:00am - 5:00pm

www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Arizona State Museum 1013 E. University Blvd

November 9, 2013, through July 2015 Curtis Reframed: The Arizona Portfolios

www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

UA Mineral Museum 1601 E University Blvd

Ongoing "100 Years of Arizona's Best: The Minerals that Made the State"

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum 414 N Toole Ave.

Explore regional transportation history, and see a freight trains passing by, or ring the locomotive bell at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum every Saturday, year round.

Tuesday - Thursday, Sunday: 1100am - 3:00pm; Friday & Saturdays: 10:00am - 4:00pm

http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org/

Sacred Machine Museum & Curiosity Shop 245 E Congress St

http://sacredmachine.com/

Meet Me at Maynards

A social walk/run through the Downtown area

Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too!

Maynards Market and Kitchen, 400 N. Toole Avenue, the historic train depot

Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

For other events in the Downtown/4th Avenue/Main Gate area, visit these sites:

www.MainGateSquare.com

www.FourthAvenue.org

www.DowntownTucson.org